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SUBJECT: COUNTRY CLEARANCE FOR DAVID SEDNEY, SUZANNE  
BASALLA, RUSSELL MORALES, RICHARD WEIR, LEONARD KOSINSKI,  
RICHARD MOREFIELD AND PETER BATTEN

REF: SECDEF 091314Z JAN 08

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¶1. (U) Embassy welcomes and grants country clearance for the  
January 13-18, 2008, visit to Japan by David Sedney, Suzanne  
Basalla, Russell Morales, Richard Weir, Leonard Kosinski,  
Richard Morefield and Peter Batten for the purpose of  
consultations with Embassy, USFJ, and GOJ officials.

¶2. (U) Control Officer for the Sedney, Basalla, Morales,  
Weir, Kosinski and Morefield will be Political Officer Chris  
Gunning. He can be reached at:

Office phone: (81-3)3224-5342  
Home phone: (81-3)3224-6910  
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E-mail: GunningCJ2@state.gov (unclassified)

¶3. (U) Control Officer for Peter Batten will be Rod Tanaka  
of the Mutual Defense Assistance Office. He can be reached  
at:

Office phone: (81-3)3224-5420  
Mobile phone: 81-90-6198-1831  
E-mail: RTanaka@san.osd.mil (unclassified)

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Hotel Reservations  
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¶3. (U) Tokyo hotel reservations have been made at the Hotel  
Okura 2-10-4 Toranomon, Minato-ku, Tokyo 105-8416, Tel:  
(81-3) 3582-0111 Fax: (81-3) 3582-3707. Details as follows:

David Sedney  
Arrive: 14 January  
Depart: 18 January  
Conf. No.: K00072562

Suzanne Basalla  
Arrive: 13 January  
Depart: 18 January  
Conf. No.: K00072564

Russell Morales  
Arrive: 13 January  
Depart: 18 January  
Conf. No.: K00072565

Richard Weir  
Arrive: 13 January  
Depart: 18 January  
Conf. No.: K00072566

Leonard Kosinski  
Arrive: 13 January  
Depart: 18 January  
Conf. No.: K00072567

Richard Morefield  
Arrive: 14 January  
Depart: 18 January  
Conf. No.: K00072568

Peter Batten  
Arrive: 14 January  
Depart: 18 January  
Conf. No.: K00072571

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Airport to Hotel Transportation  
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14. (U) Pol Control Officer will meet SES Sedney at the arrival gate and assist to an USFJ vehicle.

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Visa  
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15. (U) Holders of U.S. diplomatic or official passports must have a Japanese visa to enter Japan. Travelers on a U.S. tourist passport may enter Japan as a tourist without a Japanese visa for up to 90 days. As of November 20, 2007, all foreign nationals entering Japan, with the exemption of certain categories, are required to provide fingerprints and a facial photograph at the port of entry. This requirement does not replace any existing visa or passport requirements. Official U.S. travelers will have to submit to the photograph and fingerprinting requirement unless they travel with a valid diplomatic or official visa or a Note Verbale. The nature of the passport onto which the visa is pasted is not relevant, i.e. a tourist passport holder with a diplomatic or official visa will not have to submit to the biometrics collection process. SOFA personnel are exempt under SOFA Article 9 (2) from the new biometrics entry requirements.

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Embassy Laptop Policy  
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16. (U) Official visitors are reminded that personally owned or non-controlled USG-issued electronic equipment (including all PDAs, cell phones, pagers, radios, records) may not enter the controlled access areas. Additionally, all classified and sensitive materials must be secured at the embassy visit control office upon arrival in country.

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Threat Assessment  
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17. (U) U.S. Government facilities worldwide remain at a heightened state of alert. As the U.S. Government has reported in public announcements over the last several months, U.S. citizens and interests abroad may be at increased risk of terrorist actions from extremist groups, which may target civilians and include suicide operations. The Department maintains information about potential threats

to Americans overseas which is available to travelers on the internet at the Bureau of Consular Affairs home page: <http://www.travel.state.gov>. The Embassy takes all threats seriously. U.S. Embassy Tokyo can be contacted 24 hours a day at 03-3224-5000 (locally) or 81-3-3224-5000 (internationally).

¶8. (SBU) The general threat from crime in Tokyo and throughout Japan is low. Crime is at levels well below the U.S. national average. Violent crime is rare, but does exist. The Japanese National Police report continued problems with pick-pocketing of foreigners in crowded shopping areas of Tokyo. Although street crime is low, common sense security measures are advised for all American citizens traveling in Japan.

¶9. (U) Also be advised that under no circumstances may weapons be brought into Japan. Carrying a pocketknife (including Swiss Army-style knife, craft or hunting knife, box cutter, etc.) in public is forbidden. Under Japanese law, carrying any such item in public, with a size exceeding 8 cm in length, 1.5 cm in width or 2 mm in thickness, can subject the person to arrest or detention.  
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